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POSITION CONTROL DEVICE  
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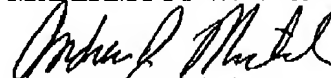
**STATUS INQUIRY**

Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on April 5, 2004. Since nineteen months have elapsed since that date, and no response to the application has been received by Applicants, Applicants respectfully request that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

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